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SUBJECT: SENATOR EAGLETON INTERVIEWED BY KATHIMERINI

1. SENATOR EAGLETON VOICED HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH U.S. POLICY ON RESUMING MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IN AN INTERVIEW CARRIED ON LOWER FRONT PAGE OF KATHIMERINI ON JULY 15. TALKING TO KATHIMERINI'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT LENA DOUKIDOU, EAGLETON DESCRIBED THE NEWS COMING FROM CYPRUS AS CONTINUOUSLY MORE WORRISOME. "WE LEARNED RECENTLY FOR EXAMPLE THAT 42,000 TURKS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO TURKISH-OCCUPIED CYPRUS, EVERY DAY

IT BECOMES MORE OBVIOUS THAT TURKEY WISHES TO ANNEX 40 PERCENT OF CYPRUS AND IS PROCEEDING TO TAKE ALL THE REQUIRED STEPS" IN THIS RESPECT. " NEVERTHELESS...THE (U.S.) GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED AN UNPRECEDENTED INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE THE POLICY OF THE CONGRESS ON THIS QUESTION. IT IS EVEN USING PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALLS AND VISITS BY PRESIDENT FORD TO SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN."

2. EAGLETON REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
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HAS TAKEN PLACE IN CYPRUS "TO MAKE US CHANGE OUR

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POLICY TOWARD TURKEY IN THE YEAR SINCE THE INVASION".
ON THE CONTRARY, HE ADDED, TURKEY MAINTAINS A
MORE INTRANSIGENT AND STUBBORN POSITION. THE SENATOR IS REPORTED
AS SAYING "KISSINGER IN MY OPINION IS POSSESSED WITH
A FIXED IDEA OVER THE PROJECTED POWER OF TURKEY AS
REGARDS THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. FOR THIS
SIDE OF NATO, TURKEY IS, IN KISSINGER'S VIEW, THE MOST
IMPORTANT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. HE IS BLIND TO
PUBLIC OPINION IN GREECE, BLIND TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED
AND TO WHAT IS CONTINUING TO TAKE PLACE IN CYPRUS.

3. THE SENATOR CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT IN VARIOUS
MEETINGS WHICH THE SECRETARY HAD WITH HIM,
ROSENTHAL, BRADEMAS, AND SARBANES, THE
LATTER REFERRED TO THE EVENTS OF THE INVASION
OF CYPRUS AND TO U.S. LEGISLATION WHICH EXPLICITLY
IMPOSES THE CESSATION OF MILITARY AID TO WHATEVER
COUNTRY USES IT FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES. THE
SECRETARY, ACCORDING TO EAGLETON'S COMMENT
IN THE INTERVIEW, RATHER THAN ANSWERING "WHAT WE
SAID AND WERE SAYING AGAIN, REPEATED MONOTONOUSLY
'TURKEY IS VERY STRONG MILITARILY AND WE MUST
CONTINUE OUR ASSISTANCE.' HE DIDN'T SAY ANTHING
ELSE."
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